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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POSSIBILITY OF MERGER OF MEXICANA AND AEROMEXICO

1. DURING A LUNCHEON OFFERED BY MEXICAN AERONAUTICAL OFFICIALS IN HONOR OF GOM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO (JLP), HE WAS QUOTED BY SOME LOCAL PAPERS AS BEING IN FAVOR OF A "FUSION" OF AEROMEXICO AND MEXICANA.

2. SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTENDEES AT THE MEETING PROVIDED A HAZY PICTURE OF EXACTLY WHAT JLP DID SAY. FOR EXAMPLE, JOSE RODRIGUEZ TORRES, GOM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, SAID THAT JLP DID CALL FOR A "FUSION" AND ALSO CRITICIZED BOTH AIRLINES FOR IN-EFFICIENT OPERATION. HOWEVER, RODRIGUEZ TORRES SAID THAT JLP WAS POORLY ADVISED, THAT MERGER WOULD CERTAINLY NOT TAKE PLACE IN 1975 OR 1976, AND THAT HE HOPED THAT JLP WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND BY DECEMBER 1976 WHEN HE TAKES OFFICE AS PRESIDENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, FLAVIO MANSI, BRANIFF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE MEXICAN AERONAUTICAL CHAMBER SAID THAT JLP WAS MIS-QUOTED AND ACTUALLY SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO UNITE CERTAIN COMMON SERVICES (SUCH AS GROUND SUPPORT) AND TO DEVISE A BETTER ROUTE STRUCTURE SO THAT THE TWO LINES DO NOT COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

3. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICANA MANUEL SOSA DE LA VEGA
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INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ALTHOUGH MEXICANA WAS NOT REP-

RESENTED AT THE MEETING, HE WAS INFORMED BY HIS
COUNTERPART AT AEROMEXICO THAT JLP WAS MISQUOTED. SOSA
ALSO SAID THAT MEXICANA, WITH SEVEN STRAIGHT YEARS OF
PROFITABLE OPERATION, HAD NO INTEREST IN MERGING
WITH MONEY-LOSING AEROMEXICO, A STATEMENT WHICH
APPEARED IN THE PRESS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

4. NO MATTER WHERE THE TRUTH MIGHT LIE, A COMMITTEE
OF EXPERTS IS TO BE FORMED TO ADVISE JLP ON THIS AND
OTHER TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS OVER
THE NEXT YEAR.

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